

**990-EZ**

**Short Form**  
**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No 1545-1150

**2016****Open to Public  
Inspection**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

► Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

► Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning** January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016

<b>B Check if applicable</b>	<b>C Name of organization</b>	<b>D Employer identification number</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Balanced Budget Amendment, Inc.	27-1351108
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)	E Telephone number
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	2740 SW Martin Downs Blvd. #235	772-781-5559
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code	F Group Exemption Number ►
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	Palm City, FL 34990	
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending		

**G Accounting Method**  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ►**I Website:** ► [www.bba4usa.org](http://www.bba4usa.org)**J Tax-exempt status (check only one)** —  501(c)(3)  501(c)(4) (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527**K Form of organization**  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other**L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ** ► \$ 26,092**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)**  
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I □

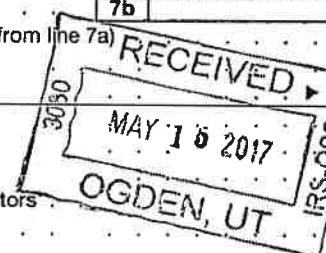
<b>Revenue</b>	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	1 26,092
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	2
	3 Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	3
	4 Investment income . . . . .	4
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	5a
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	5b
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .	5c
	6 Gaming and fundraising events . . . . .	
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .	6a
	b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ . . . . . of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) . . . . .	6b
	c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .	6c
	d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . .	6d
	7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	7a
	b Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	7b
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .	7c
	8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	8
	9 <b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9 26,092
<b>Expenses</b>	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .	10
	11 Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	11
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	12
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	13 28,692
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .	14
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .	15 40,518
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	16 41,692
	17 <b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	17 110,901
<b>Net Assets</b>	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .	18 -84,809
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .	19 -192,329
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	20 9,993
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21 -277,139

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**Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)**

**Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II.**

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	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	18,657	22 9,993
23 Land and buildings . . . . .		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .		24
25 Total assets . . . . .	18,637	25 9,993
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	-210,967	26 -287,133
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) . . . . .	-192,329	27 -277,139

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)**

**Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III.**

**What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Add several amendments to the US Constitution**

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

**Expenses**  
(Required for section  
501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4)  
organizations, optional for  
others )

28 The cost of creative design, research, printing and distribution of materials used to educate state legislators and the public on the fiscal crisis facing our nation and the need for a Balanced Budget Amendment			
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>		28a	40,000
29 The cost of travel for volunteers to testify before state legislatures and to provide educational programs for the general public and interested organizations to encourage passage			
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>		29a	40,000
30 Research regarding the growth of the national debt and solutions to prevent its growth. Additionally extensive research regarding having a state legislature call a national convention of the states to create the rules of procedure for a Balanced Budget Amendment Convention.			
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>		30a	27,000
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)			
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>		31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) . . . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>		32	107,000

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)**

Check if the organization used Schedule Q to respond to any question in this Part IV.

**Part V Other Information** (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V.

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O Yes  No   
**33** ✓

34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions) Yes  No   
**34** ✓

35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)? Yes  No   
**35a** ✓

b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O Yes  No   
**35b** ✓

c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III Yes  No   
**35c** ✓

36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N Yes  No   
**36** ✓

37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ► **37a** 0  
 b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes  No   
**37b** ✓

38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return? Yes  No   
 b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved Yes  No   
**38b** 143,132

39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:  
 a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 Yes  No   
**39a** ✓

b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities Yes  No   
**39b** ✓

40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ► Yes  No  section 4912 ► Yes  No  section 4955 ► Yes  No   
 b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I Yes  No   
**40b** ✓

c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 Yes  No   
**40c** ✓

d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization Yes  No   
**40d** ✓

e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T Yes  No   
**40e** ✓

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► Yes  No

42a The organization's books are in care of ► William H. Fruth Telephone no. ► **772-781-5559**  
 Located at ► 2740 SW Martin Downs Blvd. #235, Palm City, FL 34990 ZIP + 4 ► **34990** Yes  No   
 b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► Yes  No   
 See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).   
**42b** ✓

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► Yes  No   
**42c** ✓

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ► **43** Yes  No

44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ Yes  No   
**44a** ✓

b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ Yes  No   
**44b** ✓

c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? Yes  No   
**44c** ✓

d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O Yes  No   
**44d** ✓

45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? Yes  No   
 b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions) Yes  No   
**45b** ✓

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		✓

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47		

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

48		
49a		
49b		

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ►

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ►

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ►  Yes  No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date
	WILLIAM H. FRUTT - PRESIDENT	5/9/17
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ►			Firm's EIN ►	
	Firm's address ►			Phone no.	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ►  Yes  No

**SCHEDULE L**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Transactions With Interested Persons**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a,  
28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.**2016**Open To Public  
Inspection

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Balanced Budget Amendment, Inc.

27-1351108

**Part I****Excess Benefit Transactions** (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction		(d) Corrected?	
			Yes	No	Yes	No
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
(5)						
(6)						

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958. ► \$

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization. ► \$

**Part II** **Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?	(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?	(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
							Yes	No	Yes	No
(1) William H. Fruth	Director	Expenses	✓	12,500	12,500		✓	✓		✓
(2) William H. Fruth	Director	Expenses	✓	40,366	7,866		✓	✓		✓
(3) William H. Fruth	Director	Expenses	✓	800	800		✓	✓		✓
(4) William H. Fruth	Director	Expenses	✓	2,630	2,630		✓	✓		✓
(5) POLICOM Corp	Controlled Ent	Payable	✓	14,000	14,000		✓	✓		✓
(6) POLICOM Corp	Controlled Ent	Payable	✓	12,500	12,500		✓	✓		✓
(7) POLICOM Corp	Controlled Ent	Payable	✓	12,000	12,000		✓	✓		✓
(8) POLICOM Corp	Controlled Ent	Payable	✓	58,836	58,836		✓	✓		✓
(9) POLICOM Corp	Controlled Ent	Payable	✓	6,500	6,500		✓	✓		✓
(10) POLICOM Corp	Controlled Ent	Payable	✓	15,500	15,500		✓	✓		✓
<b>Total</b>					143,132					

**Part III** **Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				

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**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

<b>SCHEDULE O</b>		<b>Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ</b>	
OMB No 1545-0047		Form 990 or 990-EZ	
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at <a href="http://www.irs.gov/Form990">www.irs.gov/Form990</a> . Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information. ► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.	
Open to Public		Complaints about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) or responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.	
Name of the organization		Employee identification number 27-1351108	
Balanced Budget Amendment, Inc.		Balanced Budget Amendment, Inc.	

Line 18: Virtually all expenditures were for travel expenses for volunteers who traveled nationally to meet with state legislators. Testify before legislative panels, and speak to interested organizations to persuade all to support passage of a resolution to convene a convention for proposing a Balanced Budget Amendment.

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Line 20: Surplus borrowed funds - Cash on hand at year end.

Line 25: Checking account balance, cash on hand at year end.

Line 26: Accumulated debt since 2010, includes payables.

Section II: POLCOM Corporation is owned by William H. Fritch, Director. Listed loans by POLCOM are payables for services dating back to 2010. POLCOM is an economic research firm and publishes economic studies and information

